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## Council President Applauds Program Featured on "Today Show"

SAN DIEGO – Council President Peters today joined supporters of San Diego-based Aquatic Adventures for an early-morning appearance on NBC's "Today Show." As part of the program's "Lend a Hand" program, co-host Al Roker arrived in San Diego in a truck loaded with \$80,000 worth of equipment for the program. Aquatic Adventures is the first of five charities highlighted this year by the "Lend a Hand" program, now in its fifth year.

Founded in 1999, Aquatic Adventures offers tuition-free educational programs focusing on science and the environment to urban youth. The program also offers professional training in science to area teachers and mobilizes volunteer clean-up programs aimed at preserving and restoring San Diego's premier marine lab, the Pacific Ocean.

Council President Peters is a strong supporter of Aquatic Adventures, contributing \$30,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds over the past two years. Peters congratulated Executive Director Shara Fisler and the program's staff.

"Shara and her team are truly deserving of this national recognition," Peters said. "With its focus on education, the environment and helping disadvantaged youth, Aquatic Adventures is the kind of grass-roots charity San Diegans should be proud of."

More information on Aquatic Adventures can be found on their website, www.aquaticadventures.org.